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1.AS OF 0700 NOVEMBER 11 GOS CLOSED ALL NATIONAL AIRPORTS AS A RESULT OF STRIKE OF GROUND SUPPORT PERSONNEL. AIRPORTS ARE TO REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL AT LEAST 0700 NOVEMBER 14 AND COULD BE SHUT DOWN LONGER IF WAY IS NOT FOUND OUT OF IMPASSE IN WAGE NEGOTIATIONS. INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS HAVE EITHER CANCELLED FLIGHTS OR ARE OVERFLYING SPAIN. IBERIA IS PLANNING TO OPERATE SPECIAL FLIGHTS OUT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF MILITARY AIR BASE AT GETAFE FOR FOREIGN DELEGATIONS LEAVING SPAIN FOLLOWING IATA CONFERENCE ENDING TODAY.

2. IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE DISPUTE, SINCE SUBSECRETARIAT OF CIVIL AVIATION AGREED SOME FOUR MONTHS AGO TO A 28 PERCENT WAGE HIKE FOR GROUND SUPPORT WORKERS AND NOW MAINTAINS INCREASE CAN

BE NO MORE THAN 22 PERCENT IN CONFORMANCE WITH WAGE CEILING SET IN MONCLOA PACT AGREED TO BY ALL SPANISH POLITICAL PARTIES. INTERNATIONAL CARRIER REPS ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES OF RESOLVING DISPUTE BY NOVEMBER 14. STABLER

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